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SUBJ: PRESS COVERAGE OF DEPUTY SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER'S VISIT TO
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1. PRESS COVERAGE OF THE ARRIVAL OF DELEGATION LED BY DEPSECSTATE
WARREN CHRISTOPHER LIMITED ON MARCH 29 TO BRIEF ACCOUNTS
IN THREE MAJOR NEWSPAPERS AND TURKISH RADIO AND TELEVISION
(TRT) REPORT.

2. PRO-GOVERNMENT MILLIYET IN A FRONT-PAGE STORY SAYS THAT
THE CHRISTOPHER DELEGATION HAS COME TO ANKARA TO DISCUSS

NATO AND BILATERAL ISSUES. QUOTING MFA SOURCES, MILLIYET ADDS THAT THE VISIT IS TIED TO RECENT STATEMENTS BY GENERAL HAIG URGING THAT TURKEY BE ASSISTED.

3. SENSATIONALIST GUNAYDIN, IN A STORY ON THE FRONT PAGE OF ITS NEWS SECTION, SAYS THAT THE US DELEGATION CAME TO DISCUSS NATO MATTERS, TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS AND ECONOMIC SUBJECTS.

4. MASS APPEAL HURRIYET'S TORY, ON AN INSIDE PAGE, SAYS THAT DEPSEC CHRISTOPHER HAS BROUGHT A WRITTEN MESSAGE TO ECEVIT FROM PRESIDENT CARTER. THE MESSAGE ALLEGEDLY DEALS WITH THE MILITARY ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT SIGNED TWO YEARS AGO.

5. TRT IN ITS MAJOR MORNING NEWSCAST (0530GMT) MARCH 29 LED ALL REPORTING WITH STORY OF DELEGATION'S ARRIVAL IN ANKARA. TRT SAID THAT THERE WILL BE CALLS ON PRIMIN ECEVIT AND OTHER TURKISH OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS CYPRUS, NATO, AND TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS. TRT ADDED THAT THE DELEGATION HAS COME TO ANKARA AT THE REQUEST OF THE USG.

6. COMMENT: THE TRT REPORT WAS APPARENTLY COMPILED FROM WIRE SERVICE STORIES FROM WASHINGTON BASED ON DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT MARCH 28. THE THREE NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS SEEM TO HAVE COME FROM LOCAL SOURCES. THE MFA HAS NOT YET MADE ANY OFFICIAL STATEMENT BUT HAS GUIDANCE PREPARED
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